



Town of North Smithfield Historic District Commission

Monday, August 22, 2016 - 6:30p.m.

Heritage Hall

101 Greene Street, Slatersville, RI

Minutes of August 22, 2016

A meeting of the North Smithfield Historic District Commission was held on

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Call to order: 6:39 pm

Members Present: Jeffrey Harris, Jeffrey Fontaine, Christian de Rezendes

Members Absent: Elizabeth Martin, Daniel Couture, Keith Nadeau

Others in Attendance: Sarah Lane, Emily Siudela, Lenny DeLeon (Trinity Solar Rep.)

Materials Distributed: Agenda, Minutes, CoA application: 86 Great Road, Misc. solar power technical information and related images.

Approval of Minutes from July 25, 2016

Approval for the minutes from the July 25, 2016 was postponed to next meeting.

Applications

- A. Certificate of Appropriateness: 86 Great Road (Stephen Brownell House), Plat 9 Lot 28, Union Village Historic District. Owner: Nicolas & Emily Siudela.

Emily Siudela, owner, and Lenny DeLeon, representing Trinity Solar, presented their case for an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness to place solar panels on the large barn on the property of 86 Great Road. The Commission discussed various procedures related to NSHDC standards and guidelines, as well as size, location and technical specifications in regards to installing solar panels. A preliminary drawing was presented that shows the possible location of approximately 24 panels on the southeast facing portion of the gable roof of the barn. Due to studying the location, optimal sun exposure and shading by trees, this was determined by Trinity Solar to be a prime location for the panels. Jeff H. raised concerns about the panels being in the "visual path" of the street in an historic district. It was agreed that the owner and representative would explore the feasibility of sliding the panels further to the west in an effort to greater reduce sight lines to the panels.

The meeting was called without a quorum present to cast a vote on a motion to accept, therefore the need for another meeting will be required to address this. Concerns were raised by the owner and the members to try to move the process along as quickly as possible. Discussed by the Commission were waiting until the next regular meeting or to organize a special meeting of the Commission with sufficient members to constitute a quorum. It was agreed to try to organize a special meeting in the next few weeks.

Old Business

- A. Status Update: National Park Service (NPS) and Historical Markers.
Estimates are still being sought as well as technical specifications and design and layout. Need to coordinate with subcommittee of Keith N. and Jeff F. Timeline is critical as NPS fiscal year and funding will be running out soon.

New Business

- A. Review NSHDC Five Year Plan
 - 1. Discussion was postponed to next regularly scheduled meeting.

Meeting Adjourned

The meeting was called to a close at 7:35 p.m.

Motion: Jeffrey Harris

Seconded: Christian de Rezendes

All in favor

Opposed: None

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: Monday, September 26, 2016.